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THE QUALIFICATIONS OF AN IDEAL DENTAL ASSISTANT

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Presented before Indiana State D. A. Assn., May 17, 1938

When I was invited by your Executive Committeewoman to appear on your program, my first inclination was to decline, but on second thought, I decided to accept. My one reason for this change of mind was, that as I turned back the pages of my years in practice and thought of the number of assistants I had employed, I realized that each of them had left with me certain ideas that would aid me in expressing to you some of the qualifications of an efficient assistant. As one views the trend of the dental assistants and the advancements they have made by their own efforts, we are pleased today to recognize them as an efficient necessity. They have accomplished this with but little encouragement from the dental profession and practically no help from our dental colleges. The progressive assistant realizes that she must either develop or decline; it is impossible to stand still. Tides either rise or fall. What then, will constitute the qualifications of our ideal assistant?

This subject is one which is very difficult to master, as I must confess in the first place, that there is no ideal assistant. That is asking too much. Ideal, in other words, perfect—it just can't be. We, as dentists, are not perfect, so why expect our assistants to be? Personally, I shall want to classify the qualifications of an efficient assistant in this manner: *Resourcefulness, Perseverance, and Faithfulness*. **RESOURCEFULNESS.** Always remember that everyone has been endowed with certain qualifications or talents. To improve them must be one of the first aids to success. It has been said, "It isn't what you start that counts—it's what you finish!" We know that your responsibilities are many, and that it takes courage, personal sacrifice and hard work to raise your standards to that place where they rightfully belong.

PERSEVERANCE. To continue steadfastly to advance in your chosen vocation

—I say "vocation" because as yet we can not term it a profession—but if you will continue with the advancements you have made in recent years, there will be in the near future, some course of study instituted which will compare favorably with that of the nursing profession. Dentistry has advanced through the decades until today it is accepted as a specialty of medicine. This was made possible by the perseverance and self-sacrifice of such great teachers and scientists as Black, Darby, Brophey, Hunt, and I could recall many others who laid the foundation, and laid it well, for this profession which today is a recognized influence on the lives of all people. You, as an organization, should profit by this example, and should continue to improve so that some time in the near future, yours will be a respected profession holding the same position to the dental profession that the nursing profession holds to the medical profession.

FAITHFULNESS. If I were to enumerate the sixteen parts in the "Dental Assistants' Creed", they could all be classified under this last qualification of my ideal assistant. If you will be faithful to your employer, you will make every effort to educate yourself to meet the requirements of your position. You must be pleasant and dignified at all times. Always meet the patients with a smile, and remember, above all else, that the first impression of his office is made through you. You should be courteous and attentive to their needs, and in all transactions observe a business-like attitude. The telephone is a necessity in modern offices, and should be used as such during office hours, so avoid unnecessary conversation. Some one may want to make an appointment for dental services. Be prompt. Always endeavor to have the office in readiness to start promptly with your first appointment. Coleman Cox says, "To the fellow who shows up late, and sneaks home early,

we are indebted for the 'punch clock system.' Be accurate and systematic in all your bookkeeping. There is nothing more embarrassing than to have your attention called to some error or misunderstanding in regard to an account. The transactions of the office should never be discussed outside of the office, nor referred to in any way. It is not necessary for your friends to know what transpired at the office during office hours. I recall a conversation I overheard at one time in which two nurses were objecting to their respective positions, hours, employers, etc. I am inclined to agree with the writer of these lines, "When your work becomes a task, quit! You're in the wrong business. Until your work is your pleasure, you can never be successful." In assisting at the chair, you should be so familiar with the instruments used in the various operations that it will not be necessary for the operator

to call for them, or wait for you to select them from the instrument cabinet. The efficiency of the office depends very much upon you. The hours which the dentist spends at his chair are his productive hours, and it should not be necessary for him to use his time to perform duties which rightfully should be taken care of by you.

I hope, that in this short paper, I have left with you some thoughts which will help you realize the important position you occupy in the great public health service in which dentistry is playing such an important part. I close now with a few lines from Tyron Edwards, "We never reach our ideals, whether of mental or moral improvement, but the thought of them shows us our deficiencies, and spurs us on to higher and better things." 408 Ft. Wayne Pharmacal Bldg.

THE PROGRESS OF THE A.D.A.A. AND BENEFITS DERIVED FROM NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

By MARIE SILLAY SHAW, *President, A.D.A.A., Atlanta, Ga.*

Presented before Alabama D. A. Assn., Annual Meeting, April 1939

Now that Spring is here and Summer is approaching, we all think of the large shade trees that spread their stately branches and give cooling shelter to all who come within their range. The American Dental Assistants Association is like a mighty shade tree that stands over the United States and likewise gives shelter to all who come within its range. Let us think of the trunk of this tree as the parent organization. The limbs constitute the various local societies, and the leaves represent the individual assistants who belong to the National Association.

Like the oak that from the acorn grew, the A.D.A.A. started as a seed in the mind of our Founder, Mrs. Juliette A. Southard, in 1923 at Cleveland, Ohio. It took definite growth in Dallas, Texas, in November 1924, and was finally incorporated and given permanent residence in Illinois in March 1925. In the beginning, numerous

dental journals, published notices and important items of interest concerning the Organization. A few years later the E and E Society of New York City launched "The Dental Assistant" Journal and in 1933 this Journal became the official publication of the A.D.A.A., with Mrs. Southard retained as Editor. Mrs. Southard, of course, was the first President of the A.D.A.A. She worked diligently and faithfully and led us for six years. Ruth Rogers served the Association for four years, followed by Helen F. Fitting, Louise Dismukes, and Mabel A. Lyon, our immediate past President. 1937 and 1938 under Mabel Lyon were banner years; thirty-one new societies were added, and an 80 per cent increase in membership. Fifteen years ago we had a total membership of about 300; and our goal for 1939 is 3,000. It is to your advantage as an individual to be a member of this Or-

ganization. (Although some of the members may fail in coming up to the standard at times.) Truly, it is the aim of the A.D.A.A. to better equip each member to follow her professional calling more successfully and happily.

I know a young girl who grew tired of high school. She wanted an "easy life." She had a girl friend who was an untrained dental assistant, so she likewise thought that was just the life for her. She got a job with a dentist who had the strange idea that he preferred an untrained, inexperienced girl whom he could train to suit himself. She rigged herself out thusly; her uniform was too large; she had on colored hose, high heeled shoes, a lot of makeup on her face, pink polish on her finger nails, and a red handkerchief in her pocket. Imagine a person suffering with a toothache being met at the dentist's office by this vision! Some of the patients naturally disliked her and requested that she not be allowed to do anything for them. In these instances, the dentist, still hoping she would eventually work out all right, was without any assistance, and she in turn was in the reception room reading a movie magazine. It is the "easy life" all right, but just how long will her job with that or any other dentist last, is the question. No high type dentist could afford to keep her long. On the other hand, we draw the contrast of the true and well-trained dental assistant. She considers her personal appearance as paramount. She wears a white uniform, shoes, hose, cap, and a dental assistant's pin. She lends dignity and creates a professional atmosphere in the office, and sees that the entire office is in keeping with her ideals. She is eager to learn and willing to give time to improve herself. She is of course a member of a dental assistants' society, and an active one. She is a worker! As a consequence, she is an asset to the office and to the association. Patients are pleased with her and recommend the dentist to their friends because of the assistant in the office. In fact, she helps sell her employer, and in turn makes herself indispensable and is assured of her job as long as she wants it.

Which of these girls would you rather be? The second, of course. So to each of you I say, if you are not a member of your local society, become a member. Those of you who are inactive, become active. Attend the meetings of your group. If you are asked to take a part in the program, do so. You will profit by the experience. It will increase your education, and even increase your poise in your social life. You will be better able to meet unexpected situations which may arise. Not only think of the success of your local group, but think of the success of the state society, because from the state are chosen the most outstanding members who attend the national meetings. Become "nationally minded" — make that your goal. It is indeed a high honor to be chosen to officially represent your society at a national meeting. There you meet outstanding members from the other affiliated groups, form new friendships, get new ideas, and are able to bring back to your local organization enthusiasm and inspiration they would never be able to get otherwise. What would you be able to accomplish as a local group in a national way without the support of the A.D.A.A.? Very little, if anything. As the shade tree sinks its roots deep into the earth and draws rich nourishment to send to all its branches, so the A.D.A.A. draws ideas from all over the United States and sends them to its constituent and component groups. You as an individual in a small town in Alabama, are able to profit by something a dental assistant has learned in Spokane, Washington, or any other section of the country. If your local group is confronted with problems they are unable to solve, the A.D.A.A. is able and anxious to assist you in solving these problems. We have likened the National Association to the trunk of the shade tree, but how would the shade tree look without limbs and leaves, or with dead limbs and foliage? The National Association cannot exist without *active* local and state groups, and *active* individuals in these groups. I urge those of you who are not members to become members; and those of you who are inactive to become active.

You need the National Association and the National needs you. It works both ways—let us work together to make this a healthy growing tree that will continue

to spread its branches over these United States and give aid and comfort to all who come within its range.
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EDUCATION - EFFICIENCY - LOYALTY SERVICE

By IRENE MCNAIR, Windsor, Canada. Read before Conference Meeting of 10th District, A.D.A.A., Detroit, Mich., March 12, 1939

When Miss Marcon asked the Windsor Dental Assistants to give a paper at this meeting and I found it my responsibility, the subject puzzled me greatly, for Miss Marcou specified that something relating to our work be the theme. That left such a small field I was afraid someone might choose a similar subject. That evening, as I glanced through the Detroit Dental Assistants' program for 1939, I saw on the second page "Motto—Education, Efficiency, Loyalty, Service", and have taken this as my theme. How very important these four qualities are in everyone—not only dental assistants! I favor the third mentioned—loyalty. To me loyalty is most essential.

Anyone who has normal intelligence can acquire education, and with practice become efficient, and by working serve, but without loyalty what incentive would one have to do *any* of these things? A speaker at a recent Detroit Dental Assistants' meeting mentioned that he was greatly in favor of dental assisting as a profession, and suggested that our Association be instrumental in organizing so thoroughly, that not just *anyone* could be a dental assistant, thereby establishing a higher standard and warranting more recognition in the dental profession. He made the statement that often girls who have left school, too soon found themselves unfitted for business offices or stores, so turned to dental assisting—not because they were definitely interested, but because it was easy looking work. I myself had no training in nursing or any kind of secretarial work, but I had had experience in meeting the public, which helped a great deal. It gave me more con-

fidence than I would normally have had, but I found myself very self-conscious and awkward when greeting people in the office. It was only through exerting myself and telling myself that the office was my domain, that I overcame this feeling of inferiority. For those of us who have entered dental assisting without knowledge of the work, and who cannot take advantage of the various courses available, the Dental Assistants' Association is a wonderful source of information, where we may all benefit by the experience of others. Each meeting or Convention attended, each magazine read such as "The Dental Assistant", can add much to our store of knowledge. We all have the privilege of reading the various dental magazines published and received monthly in our offices, and perhaps—if we are faithful students—we may learn to be invaluable to our employers.

Efficiency comes natural to a few, but the rest of us have to use much energy and concentration to become as efficient as we should, and as our employers wish us to be. Efficiency is important, not alone in our work in assisting the doctor, but in arranging appointments on the telephone and in the office. It is a lucky girl who can save time by having such control over her vocabulary, that very few words are needed to make her meaning clear to those who have little understanding of dentistry in all its phases. And too, there are hundreds of short-cuts which tend to make us more sure of doing our work well in less time. Practice makes perfect, so we should spend any spare time in doing those things which we find most difficult, thereby reaching near-per-

fection, at least. A well-kept set of books is a credit to any office, and I have found a few minutes each day, helps to keep mine in good order.

Leaving loyalty for the moment, shall we next consider "service". The name under which we work *implies* service. Let us not forget to aid our doctors at all times to the best of our ability, and in serving the patients, remember that small services sometimes are appreciated more than those much greater which are expected of us. One can so often render an act of kindness and consideration so quietly, that the patient does not realize the thoughtfulness behind it until long after he leaves the office. Do you help those not so spry with their coats? Do you keep alert during an extraction and hand the patient a towel or tissue when he needs it to wipe his lips. Do you watch the small child while his parent is in the chair—make friends with him, thereby removing the fear he may have of a uniformed nurse and doctor? Then the timid patient may have his fears allayed by the proximity of the assistant during extraction, even if her employer doesn't require her presence during the operation under ordinary circumstances. Business men and women, also those socially active, appreciate a call on the day of their appointments to remind them of the time. One can hopelessly spoil a doctor's patients by practicing the last mentioned, for, should the assistant be ill and the patient not reminded, the appointment is invariably broken and the excuse "Why, the nurse didn't call me" is a poor excuse, but under the circumstances has to be accepted. These are but a few of the services we can render for the patients, and those for the doctors are innumerable.

In speaking of loyalty, we invariably think of a loyal countryman, a loyal friend, or a loyal employee. We forget that each of us must first of all be loyal to our ideals. We must all have ideals or our lives are a total loss to ourselves, as well as to those with whom we are associated. If only we could retain our childhood's outlook on life—children are born with a

strong sense of loyalty and the parents are their ideals. Those of us who are parents, should endeavour to live so that our children may never see their ideals crumble and fall. The home training can do much to create so firm a foundation that life's disappointments and disillusionments may cause only a faltering—in the end they will come through with flying colours. We pride ourselves on being loyal employees; we take great pains to impress on our employers' minds the fact that no matter what occurs we will be standing by. In our anxiety to be above reproach in our loyalty to the doctors, do we lose sight of that point equally as important—loyalty to his patients? We all have people who come to our offices who try our patience very much and we dread the time of their appointments, but taking them all in all, I believe we have no room for complaint—the worst of them have a good streak, and as dental assistants we have ample opportunity to penetrate the outer shell and find the true values.

My doctor's patients are the mainstay of his practice—the source of his living, and they establish his reputation—they are his friends, and therefore mine. Keeping this in mind, I should always treat them as valuable acquaintances. I should give them alert, gentle care while in the office, and kind regard in their absence. I am afraid I fail sometimes—as most of us do. I don't always treat them as I would wish them to treat me. I resent their superior attitude—being looked on as a servant, as we so often are—but, when I stop to analyze my feelings, I find nothing real or deep except the wish that I might make them understand that I am a friend, anxious to serve those who enter the office, helping them to overcome their fear of pain so that our association may be based on a foundation of friendliness. When our National flag waves in the breeze high above us, our hearts swell within us. This mixed feeling of pride and joy is what we so often call loyalty—can we not develop it so that we have the same feeling towards mankind? Children, and even

dogs, are just filled with loyalty, but the question is—have we allowed our minds to become so prejudiced that we, who have the advantage of a wealth of experience and of greater knowledge possess less than those?

If there has been anyone who heartily

disagrees with anything I have said, I am glad, for she will look within herself—form new ideas—perhaps—as I have done, and be as proud as I am to belong to an Association that uses as its motto "Education, Efficiency, Loyalty and Service." 601 Canada Bldg.

VOICE CULTURE

By AUGUSTA TAYLOR, Fremont, Nebraska, President, Neb. D. A. Assn.

We each aspire to become the ideal in whatever vocation we have chosen. As dental assistants, it seems to me one of our major problems to overcome and develop is our voice. Too often we are lax, take for granted whatever type of voice we have and let it go at that; but it isn't enough, when we stop to realize that in our human voice we have a wonderful instrument when properly controlled, with which to express ourselves. The technique of mastering one's voice is just as necessary as to master the technique of any musical instrument. Next to that primary instinct of self-preservation, the strongest impulse of the human heart is self-expression. A very vital question faces us today: How many of us would waste the time we do waste, if we knew we could adequately express half the worthwhile ideas we conceive, but dare not utter, because our instruments are out of tune and we know they will betray us? What musician would consent to play on a piano which had not been put in perfect tune? If one's voice is filled with static it is cluttered with disagreeable twangs, breathy hoarseness, hollow tones. Our first step then, is to tune the instrument, to put our voice in proper condition for use in beautiful and effective speech.

I wonder how many of you ever judged a person by their voice? Try it, really it is an important index of personality. Frank LaForge says, "When you speak you broadcast to those within ear-shot, a thumbnail history of your life, you indicate your nationality, locality from which you come, state of mind, state of health and breeding." In a recent interview at a film studio two hundred fifty applied,

fifteen were selected and three hired. If you are associated with an individual for any length of time you unconsciously associate their temperament by their voice. Francis Robinson Duff, among whose pupils are Helen Hayes, Ina Claire, and Irene Dunn says: "Voice is not only indicative of personality, but I can tell if they are repressed, have an inferiority complex, ambitious, educated. So accurately does one's voice mirror the mind and emotions that weaknesses of character of which the speaker is unaware will creep out in the voice. It is perhaps the very best index of character." Our voice education has been sadly neglected, that we will all agree. A prominent European professor visiting here was moved to wonder, after listening to our common talk, if the American vocal cords were not the "Lost Chord."

There are a few steps we might use in correcting our voices. May I suggest: Remove static, become voice conscious. Determine what is wrong and correct it. Make it a personal problem. Develop good voice equality by relaxing the throat, have control of your breath. Voice variety and pitch are determined somewhat by one of the most common faults—enunciation. To speak slowly and plainly. A very good exercise to promote good enunciation and breath control is a little exercise to be done regularly morning and night, taking only five minutes of deep, free breathing from the diaphragm, lying flat on your back in bed. This position is necessary to become absolutely relaxed and breathe naturally. May I quote three famous elocutionists' opinions on voice: Katherine Cornell says, "Voice is molded

to fit the character, as one grows mentally. In choosing an actress for a role I would never be prejudiced by defects in her speaking voice, because they are too easily overcome with a little training." Ethel Barrymore says, "The key to the cultivation of the voice is the ability to feel intensely." Carolyn Stevens says, "It is the dramatic instinct which enables one to wing his words so that they will fly straight into the heart, nestle there for his comfort and delight. Without it the voice is apt to be cold, cruel, harsh, and critical."

Upon interviewing a prominent business man in our city recently, I asked what part did one's voice play in a position. His answer was as follows: "I try always to employ those who have well modulated, vibrant and clear, distinct voices, not hard and cold and indifferent. The girl who answers my phone must exude confidence yet invite sympathy." He ter-

minated our little talk with, "After all, to be cheerful is the genuine way." Psychologists say that a whining voice is cultivated by children who learn it is effective with sentimental parents or nurses. Wives who use it as a weapon to wheedle favors out of reluctant husbands. I might spend hours describing different phases of voice and its reaction, but time limits, may I pass on to you a little joke by way of relaxation. A spinster lady attended the "Aid Society" one afternoon. The ladies were talking about marriage. One lady said, "You know it generally holds true that those girls with small mouths generally get a husband." The Spinster Lady puckered her mouth and said, "Is that so?" "Well," said another lady, "Those with big mouths usually get two husbands." The Spinster Lady said, stretching her mouth as far as possible, "Well, I'll declare!"

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"THE UNSUNG HEROINE"

By EMILY J. WHITE, Valley District D.A.A., Springfield, Mass.

Since time began the "unsung hero" has existed. In one century he has been, in turn, the man who kept the signal lights burning before the attack in battle. In another century, he has been the systematic laboratory assistant who patiently made test after test to prove a theory. There have been thousands of such men, unknown and unheralded, but they all have helped to weave the destiny of nations and save the lives of their people. To these unsung heroes have gone no rewards but they have found their reward in their hearts. They have had the satisfaction of doing their parts in their generation for coming generations. We, as dental assistants, have our role to play in becoming "unsung heroines" also, but to how many of us has this thought ever occurred? Our work is done each day with a certain amount of routine and as efficiently as we are able. It is important that we do our job well, for after all we must live, and necessarily we must work to live. However, beyond our day-in-and-

day-out existence, there is a goal which we should do our part to reach and that goal is . . . better, universal dental health.

It is indeed appalling to us who can more fully appreciate the value of dentistry than the average person, to read that 75% of the adults and nineteen out of twenty children, in our country alone, have need of dental care. "Impossible," we say, "Not in our own United States, the most progressive country in the world; the country credited with having the highest standard of living today." Nevertheless, unimpeachable authorities tell us that this distressing statement is true. Here is where our job begins. We must do our part to help make people "teeth conscious." Rightly so, we, as assistants, are credited by those outside the field of dentistry with being able to speak with some authority concerning dental health. Do not think that the above statement implies that we can attempt to reach an infallibility of diagnosis that even doctors who have studied for years often fail

to achieve, as that is not our prerogative. On the other hand, our daily work brings us face to face with dental disease and if we are doing our job well, we cannot fail to recognize the good from the bad, and with this point in our favor, we can aid to spread the creed of dental health.

To aim for this goal, we should be prepared by having at our fingertips the elementary essentials to mouth hygiene and health. Predominantly, we should know that diet is one of the controlling factors in preserving dental health. Would it not then be advisable to familiarize ourselves with a working knowledge of balanced diets and vitamins, to be able to recognize the potential values of one common food against those of another, and to crusade for the all-important Vitamin D? Such information is simple to get and really should be a part of the layman's knowledge, but unfortunately is often grossly neglected, hence . . . tooth decay. Secondly, there is the tooth brush. Aye, 'tis a noble instrument, but how often is it used correctly? Certainly we know its correct usage and how important it is to remove all particles of food which, if left lodged in tiny crevices, lead to conditions of extreme and injurious acidity. We have but to read the accepted dental surveys and journals at our elbows to

learn what rinses and solutions are at least effective in unhealthy oral conditions. But do we know these facts and if so, do we make use of them?

Then there are the children—God bless them. They and their children will be the dental patients of the future. At work, there are dozens of little things we can do to ease the almost inherent fear of dental offices that is so prevalent amongst children. Outside of work, there are few of us who do not have the opportunity to impress on a child the importance of his caring for his teeth. The question here is, do we realize these golden opportunities to do our bit? The little pointers that we, as a body, can pass on may do much to alleviate pain and fear for many of that seventy-five percent of delinquents. Indeed, there are many ways in which we can strive to help humanity attain the goal of universal dental health. We must not leave our jobs at the office, but carry it out into the world, for we are in a position to talk dentistry and we **MUST** talk dentistry . . . it is our part. Do not expect recognition or reward. Perhaps you will have been able to save a tooth for someone; perhaps unknowingly, even a life, but in your service you will be to future generations . . . an unsung heroine. 1786 Main Street

ADDENDA TO A.D.A.A. CRYSTALS OF HISTORY

(continued)

1938—MEETING, ST. LOUIS, MO., HOTEL DE SOTO, OCTOBER 24-28

Officers—Pres. Mabel A. Lyon, Los Angeles, Calif.; 1st Vice-Pres. Marie S. Shaw, Atlanta, Ga.; 2nd Vice-Pres. Sarah H. Gallien, East Orange, N. J.; 3rd Vice-Pres. Edna Justice, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Gen. Sec'y. Lucile S. Hodge, Knoxville, Tenn.; Treas. Helene F. Meyers, Cinn., Ohio. *Trustees*—Juliette A. Southard, Miami, Fla.; Beulah J. Nowell, Boston, Mass.; Robina A. McMurdo; N. Y. City; Margaret W. Hummer, Wash., D. C.; Lucile Black, Birmingham, Ala.; Ethel Whitenon, Memphis, Tenn.; Verena Strassburg, Watertown, Wisc.; Ann McDonald, St. Paul, Minn.; Nelle Mitchell, Hutchinson, Kan.; Airna Chamberlin, San Diego, Calif.; Mary M. Connolly, Cinn., Ohio; Louise Dismukes, Birmingham, Ala.; Helen H. Fitting, Germantown, Pa.

OUTSTANDING EVENTS: Informal Tea as guests of the St. Louis, Mo. and Madison, Co. Ill. D. A. Ass'ns., Hostess Societies, October 23rd.; "Hostess Day" Luncheon, October 26th.; First issue of "Store Teeth", the D. A. Newspaper, in honor of Annual Banquet; Voted that in future a "Past President" pin will be presented by A. D. A. to all past presidents. Dr. Frank Casto, La Jolla, Calif., Past Pres., A. D. A., was elected an Honorary Member.

Societies on Roster of Official Program number 103, including local groups. Several societies became inactive during the year.

We record the passing on July 17th, 1938, of our Honorary Member, Dr. Charles Nelson Johnson, eminent member of the Dental Profession, Past Pres., A. D. Ass'n.

1939 MEETING, MILWAUKEE, WISC., HOTEL ASTOR, JULY 17-21

Officers—Mare S. Shaw, Atlanta, Ga.; 1st Vice Pres., Ethel Whitenon, Memphis, Tenn.; 2nd

Vice-Pres., Airna Chamberlin, San Diego, Calif.; 3rd Vice-Pres., Clara B. Phillips, Long Branch, N. J.; Gen. Secty., Lucile S. Hodge, Knoxville, Tenn.; Treas., Helene F. Meyers, Cinn., Ohio.

Trustees—Juliette A. Southard, Coral Gables, Fla.; Beulah J. Nowell, Boston, Mass.; Robina A. McMurdo, N. Y. City; Margaret W. Hummer, Wash., D. C.; Lena Devron, New Orleans, La.; Gladys G. Pinson, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Verena Strassburg, Watertown, Wisc.; Mildred Stevenson, Lincoln, Nebr.; Nelle Mitchell, Hutchinson, Kans.; Dorothy Lickiss, Oakland, Calif.; Mary M. Connolly, Cinn., Ohio; Mabel A. Lyon, Los Angeles, Calif.; Helen H. Fitting, Germantown, Pa.

OUTSTANDING EVENTS: Hostess Society Tea, July 16th, 4 to 6 P. M.; A. District Luncheon, July 18th, at the Milwaukee Athletic Club; CRYSTAL BANQUET, July 19th, at which time certificates of service were presented all past presidents and the "PAST PRESIDENT" pin voted at the 1938 meeting; Dr. Roy Y. Shaw, (alias Unca Charlie) was elected to Honorary Membership; VOTED that a 4 day meeting be tried for the 1940 meeting; that the member receiving the "Loyal Assistant Trophy" must be in attendance at convention; reaffirmation of the disapproval of the A.D.A.A. of "commercial training" for dental assistants; that the "Candle-light Installation Service" be the official installation service of the A.D.A.A.; that an "Advisory Council of Past Presidents" be created, and that this be incorporated in the By-Laws. The council selected Juliette A. Southard for the first Chairman, and Mabel A. Lyon for Secretary. Three "Standing Rules" were also adopted and placed in the By-Laws, relative to papers, clinics and exhibits.

Societies on Roster of Official Program number 120 and several were elected at this meeting. This brings up the "Addenda" to date. March 1st, 1940.

JULIETTE A. SOUTHARD, Coral Gables, Fla.

... NOTICES ...

Follow Your Trustee

NINTH DISTRICT TOUR —

Trustee, DOROTHY LICKISS

Leave Oakland, California—Friday, August 30th

Via Sante Fé, through Southern California, Arizona, New Mexico,

Texas and join with:

FOURTH DISTRICT TOUR —

Trustee, LENA DEVRON

Leave New Orleans, Louisiana—Wednesday, September 4th

Via L. & N. through Alabama and join with:

FIFTH DISTRICT TOUR —

Trustee, CLARA SMITH

Leave Nashville, Tennessee—Thursday, September 5th

With National President and Secretary aboard via L. & N. through

Kentucky and join with:

TENTH DISTRICT TOUR —

Trustee, MARY CONNOLLY

Leave Cincinnati, Ohio—Friday, September 6th

Via Big Four to join with:

FIRST, SECOND, THIRD, SIXTH, SEVENTH, EIGHTH District Trustee Tours to arrive in Cleveland, Ohio—Saturday, September 7th.

(the later tours will be published in the next issue)

JEAN NOONE, Transportation Chairman.

HOTEL COMMITTEE, A.D.A.A. LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS

Presidents of the affiliated societies PLEASE NOTE the following:

Please contact your members NOW and make as many reservations as they think they will need for the Cleveland Meeting, Sept. 8-12, 1940; cancellations can be made later, but not later than two weeks before the meeting, address all reservations to Mr. L. H. Alguire, Director of Sales, Hotel Cleveland, Cleveland, Ohio. If your president does not contact YOU, we urge the members to make their reservations direct, AT ONCE, so you can be sure of reservations. PRICES: Single rooms, \$3.00—\$3.50—\$4.00—\$4.50—\$5.00 up to \$7.00. Double, \$4.50—\$5.00—\$6.00 up to \$8.00. Twin beds, \$6.00—\$7.00—\$8.00—\$9.00—\$10.00. All the above are with bath. Dormitory

rooms with bath, four persons, four beds, \$8.00 or \$2.00 per person. Parlor, Bedroom and Bath, single \$12.00—double, \$14.00 per day. ALICE D. REYNOLDS, *Chairman*

JULIETTE A. SOUTHARD BIRTHDAY PARTY

The following article entitled "A Lady Has a Birthday" appeared in the December issue of "The New York Journal of Dentistry":

"On the twenty-fifth of September, the dental assistants of America celebrated the birthday of the founder of their National Association. We have followed the activities of Mrs. Juliette Southard for many years. It seems to us that her untiring efforts in behalf of the dental assistants, which has rebounded to the benefit of dentistry in general, has too long gone unrecognized and unappreciated. Mrs. Southard is Editor of the "Dental Assistant" and a member of the Dental Editors Association. The Journal takes this opportunity to extend its greetings to Mrs. Southard. May she long continue her fruitful efforts for the benefit of our

profession."

We, as a Committee, second the motion made in praise of our Juliette, in the above article. We all realize how fortunate we are in having such an unselfish and completely lovable person as our Founder. Our beloved A.D.A.A. exists because of Juliette. As members of the A.D.A.A., ours is the very great privilege of celebrating her birthday, September 25th, 1940. **WE URGE YOU TO MAKE YOUR PLANS FOR THIS EVENT NOW.**

Ruth Evans, Houston, Texas.
Margaret Klinkenberg, Miami, Fla.
Opal Moore, Hutchinson, Kan.
Florence Seifert, Easton, Pa.
Mabel Thomas, St. Louis, Mo.
Eulalia Beebe, Co-Chm.,
San Francisco, Cal.
Virginia Schenck, Chm., 401
Huntington Bldg., Miami, Fla.

TO EDUCATION COMMITTEES

Is your Education Program the most stimulating feature of your organization? Are new members attracted because of practical courses offered each season? Do classes promote good fellowship among old and new members? A list of suggestions for study classes has been sent to presidents of all A.D.A.A. component societies. Use it as a basis for formulating plans for your study group. If you find it difficult to secure instruction, the A.D.A.A. Education Committee will suggest sources.

Has your society started work on the Petition Plan of the A.D.A.A. Education Committee? This plan consists of a preliminary survey of the educational needs of the dental assistants in your society and a series of letters to interest the dental profession and the dean of a local dental

school, in our aim for recognized courses of training. Fifteen state societies and thirty-two constituent groups located in cities where there are dental colleges have been asked to participate. If your society has not received a copy, and you would like one, write to us.

Ask your corresponding secretary to send notices of all courses given in your society to the A.D.A.A. Education Committee Chairman, then all societies will benefit from the exchange of ideas.

—AMELIA ROBINSON, Atlanta, Ga.; SARA JANE MOCK, Indianapolis, Ind.; SOPHYE MENDELSON, Milwaukee, Wisc.; ANNE HOWE, Washington, D. C.; AILEEN M. FERGUSON, Chm., 709 Centre St., Jamaica Plain, Mass.

THE 1940 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE IS IN FULL SWAY

"Oh, whistle while you work,"
'Tis not the time to shirk,
Get in the whirl, bring in that girl,
And whistle while you work.
How is your Society progressing?
Do you have many new members?
Are you doing your share to help
your organization win that money?
If not, then come on and
"Whistle while you work,"
Just give yourself a jerk,

Then try your luck to win that 25 bucks,
And whistle while you work.

THE COMMITTEE

Mary Lou Jackson, Kansas City, Mo.
Sadie Leach, La Porte, Ind.
Clotilde H. Quick, Philadelphia, Pa.
Ruth Mills, Atlanta, Ga., *Co.-Chairman*
Florence Meyers, Los Angeles, Calif.,
Chairman

CLINICS AND EXHIBITS

Your committee brings to the attention of all societies, a few ideas that have been suggested in regards to our A.D.A.A. clinics. Those who witnessed the demonstrations at Milwaukee had only complimentary remarks to make for the girls who took part. It was the largest group we have ever had in this section of the program and much credit is due the committee in charge.

Inasmuch as our membership is growing and we will have many more societies represented, you can see how the subjects of clinics may be duplicated and we may have three or four demonstrations similar in content. The only way around this, is to make *your* clinic more original. Then it will gain more attention and consideration. Also, many clinicians include too many subjects in one. It is better to cover *one* topic thoroughly than to include and touch upon too many ideas. Here are the percentages upon which clinics are judged:

Subject's value to dentistry 35%
Presentation 30%

Originality 20%
Appearance 15%

More societies report the success of having a "Clinic Night" once each year, inviting the members of the local dental society, their wives, and non-member assistants. We suggest a follow-up of a money-making scheme, using the proceeds to send your delegate and clinician to A.D.A.A. Conventions to compete for National honors. Let us hear of your plans, activities and results regarding clinics and exhibits.

HENRIETTA BUCK, 841 Doctors Bldg., Cin., O.
LILAS RILEY, 700 So. Park St., Madison, Wis.
VIRGINIA SCHENCK, 401 Huntington Bldg.
Miami, Fla.

MARGARET LEEDOM, 906 Sharp Bldg.,
Lincoln, Neb.

MARGARET GARRIGUS, Brazil Trust Bldg.,
Brazil, Indiana

MARGARET C. SHARP, "Chairman"
Peoples Trust Bldg., Jasonville, Indiana

... NOTICES ...

ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY DENTAL ALUMNI ASSN.

The St. Louis University Dental Alumni Association will hold its Annual Reunion, Wednesday and Thursday, March 27-28, 1940, at the Dental School Building, 3556 Caroline Street, St. Louis, Mo.

PAUL F. O'BRIEN, *Chm., Press & Publ. Com.*

DENTAL CENTENARY CELEBRATION — 1840 - 1940

The 100th anniversary of the founding of professional dentistry will be celebrated in Baltimore, Md., March 18-20, 1940. Further details will be found in national and local journals.

DR. MEYER EGGNATZ, *Secty. Dental Centennary Com.*
Medical Arts Bldg., Baltimore, Md.

IN MEMORIAM

We dedicate this expression of love and appreciation to the memory of our friend and member, Ann Screws. She passed away suddenly, January 27, 1940. Ann came to work as a dental assistant in 1934 and joined the Birmingham Dental Assistants Association shortly after. She served on various committees, and in 1938 was elected Vice-President. She was elected to the Board of Directors of the Alabama D.A.A. for a period of two years at the last annual meeting. The words of Henry Ward Beecher describe Ann most fittingly: "There are persons so radiant, so genial, so kind, so pleasure-bearing, that you instinctively feel in their presence that they do you good; whose coming into a room is like the bringing of a lamp." We are grateful for our association with her. Our love and sympathy are extended to Dr. Lee Rucks, her employer, to her Mother and others dear to her.

*"God calls our loved ones, but we lose not wholly
What he has given
They live on earth in thought and deed, as truly
as in Heaven."*

BIRMINGHAM D.A.A.

SECRETARY'S CORNER

By LUCILE S. HODGE, Gen. Sec'y, 401 Medical Art Bldg., Knoxville, Tenn.

HONOR ROLL

ALABAMA DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION
OHIO STATE DENTAL ASSISTANTS SOCIETY
WISCONSIN STATE DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION

Honorable Mention

LOS ANGELES DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION
FLORIDA STATE DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION
GEORGIA DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION
IOWA STATE DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION
INDIANA STATE DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION
MASSACHUSETTS DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION
MINNESOTA STATE DENTAL HYGIENISTS & ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION
NEW JERSEY STATE DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION
NEBRASKA DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION
TENNESSEE STATE DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION

SECRETRIES: Remember March 31st is the deadline for renewal of A.D.A.A. dues. So be sure to remit all dues by that date in order that none of your members will miss a single copy of the DENTAL ASSISTANT. About April 1st, you will receive from this office a "Program Questionnaire" requesting information for the Sixteenth Annual Meeting of the American Dental Assistants Association, at Cleveland, September 9-12, 1940. You will also receive some instructions to help you to send in the correct information. If you are not the secretary now, be sure to notify this office and forward the blank to the proper person.

At this time we want to say WELCOME to a new independent member in the Fifth District: Virginia Quillen Crawford, with Dr. M. S. Jenkins, 510 Medical Arts Bldg., Roanoke, Va., also to a new constituent society in the Ninth District: KERN COUNTY DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION, with officers as follows: President, Martha O'Brien, 567 Haberfelde Bldg.; Vice-President, Grace Miller; Parliamentarian, Chesna Royal; Secretary-Treasurer, Anne Grothaus, 2111 Eighteenth St., Bakersfield, Calif., and also one new component society of Iowa: CLINTON DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION, with the following officers: President, Eleanor Johnson, 207 Wilson Bldg.; Secretary, Louise Bryden, 215 Wilson Bldg., Clinton, Iowa.

The following societies have held annual election of officers:
CALIFORNIA

FIFTH DISTRICT D.A. ASSN., Santa Monica. President, Vera Appleton, 519 Arizona Ave., Santa Monica; Secretary, Muriel Taylor, 314 E. Hillcrest Blvd., Inglewood.

SACRAMENTO DISTRICT D.A. ASSN. President, Edna French, 1957 Fifth Ave.; Secretary, Helen Connolly, 1622 T St., Sacramento.

SANTA CLARA VALLEY DISTRICT D.A. ASSN. Secretary, Pauline Larson, American Trust Bldg., San Jose, Calif.

TRI-COUNTY D.A. ASSN. President, Allene Everett, 303 Professional Bldg., San Bernardino; Secretary, Sarah Solomon, 702 Riverside Drive, Chino.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA D.A. ASSN. President, Ellen Sweeney, 1726 Eye St., N. W.; Secretary, Velda Rudolph, 808 H St., N. E., Washington, D. C.

MIAMI DISTRICT DENTAL NURSES ASSN. (Fla.). President, Grace Robin-

son, 337 Lincoln Rd., Miami Beach; Secretary, Betty Ash, 1 S. W. First St., Miami, Fla.

NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT D.A. ASSN. (Iowa). President, Helen Kretschmer, 500 Security Bldg.; Secretary, Lillian Peterson, 841 Frances Bldg., Sioux City.

NEW ORLEANS D.A. ASSN. (La.). President, Consuelo Hoey, 1229 Maison Blanche Bldg.; Secretary Mae B. Couturie, 1106 Maison Blanche Bldg., New Orleans.

GRAND RAPIDS D.A. ASSN. (Mich.). Secretary, Julia Melpolder, 953 E. Fulton St., Grand Rapids.

DETROIT D.A. ASSN. (Mich.). President, Nina Wann, 1353 Penobscot Bldg.; Secretary, Marie Raka, 1015 David-Whitney Bldg., Detroit, Mich.

ST. LOUIS D.A. ASSN. (Mo.). Secretary, Laurel Melican, Missouri Theatre Bldg., St. Louis.

HUDSON COUNTY D.A. ASSN. (New Jersey). President, Grace Kurklian, 24-30th St., North Bergen; Secretary, Laura Rentler, 989 Blvd East, Weehawken.

OHIO

CLEVELAND D.A. ASSN. (Ohio). President, Vaunie Geers, Hanna Bldg.; Vice-Pres. and Corresponding Secty., Laura Jean Hendricks, 1322 Hanna Bldg., Cleveland.

STARK COUNTY D.A. ASSN. President, Adelia G. Digel, 309 McClymonds Bldg., Massillon; Secretary, Eva Mae Day, 504 City Savings Bldg., Alliance.

PITTSBURGH D.A. ASSN. (Pa.). President, Agnes Zweidinger, 6104 Penn Ave.; Secretary-Treasurer, Evelyn Briner, 401 Butler St., Etna.

RHODE ISLAND D.A. ASSN. President, Helen Searles, 201 Main St., Pawtucket; Secretary, Ada Cubban, 502 Union Trust Bldg., Providence.

SALT LAKE CITY D.A. ASSN. (Utah). President, Monice Waters, 801 Medical Arts Bldg.; Secretary, Helen Bleak, 601 Medical Arts Bldg., Salt Lake City.

ATTENTION MEMBERS: If you have an extra Official Program for 1934 we would appreciate having it for the records of the A.D.A.A. Thanks!

MORE ABOUT THE 1939 A.D.A.A. MEETING AT MILWAUKEE, WISC.

LIST OF MEMBERS SUBMITTING CERTIFICATES FOR "LOYALTY CUP"

Miss Nellie Ripple, with Dr. F. M. Lose, Canton, Ohio, for 30 years, 7 mos., 10 days.
Winner of the 1939 Award.

Miss Ann Salzeider, with Drs. F. & G. A. Pfeiffer, Oshkosh, Wisc., for 27 years, 9 mos., 6 days.

Mrs. Lena Devron, with Dr. C. P. Kelleher, New Orleans, La., for 25 years and 18 days.

Miss Luella Mariotte, with Dr. V. H. Hilgemann, Ft. Wayne, Ind., for 24 years, 8 mos., 10 days.

Miss Nellie M. Stewart, with Dr. H. B. Caradine, Monroe, Wisc., for 22 years and 6 months.

Miss Grace Schoenbaechler, with Dr. A. R. Rietz, Evansville, Ind., for 20 years, 7 mos., 14 days.

Miss Frederika E. Lang, with Dr. W. A. Zieter, Cincinnati, Ohio, for 20 years, 4 mos., 4 days.

Miss Anna Stender, with Dr. J. S. Voreck, Davenport, Iowa, for 19 years and 9 mos.

Mrs. Anna Heath Moore, with Dr. J. H. Costenbader, Norfolk, Va., for 17 years, 6 mos., 21 days.

Mrs. Daisy Hooke, with Dr. Chas. A. Wall, San Francisco, Calif., for 15 years, 3 mos., 12 days.

Miss Elsie L. Light, with Dr. R. E. Light, Ft. Wayne, Ind., for 15 years, 1 mo., 23 days.

Miss Florence Kitch, with Dr. B. Abell, Toledo, Ohio, for 13 years, 11 mos., 11 days.

Miss Wilma M. Malich, with Dr. H. T. Berkey, Ft. Wayne, Ind., for 13 years, 4 mos., 19 days.

Miss Genevieve M. Heile, with Dr. W. L. Schell, Covington, Ky., for 10 years, 3 mos., 11 days.

And yet, some members of the dental profession say that dental assistants only take up the work, so as to "bridge the gap" between high school and marriage. Each year, we have a similar record presented.

(THE EDITOR)

TALKING IT OVER

This department is under the jurisdiction of EDNA M. JUSTICE
631 Jenkins Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Greetings everybody—let us dedicate this page to our founder, Mrs. Juliette A. Southard and past officers who have worked and helped here to have an organization in almost every state in the Union. Then too, let us not disappoint our present president, Ethel Whitemont, by not continuing the work for a society in every state.

While attending the state meeting in Florida last October, all the doctors and assistants praised Mrs. Southard for the wonderful work she has done and is doing for the dental assistants. As usual, she rose to the occasion and said it would have been impossible for her to accomplish all she did if the dental assistants had not helped her. Also a few good dentists who realized what an efficient dental assistant means in the office; as usual she would not take all the credit. We must remember that people who cause trouble in this world are those who have no specific goal in life. There are so many things that we would like to do tomorrow that we should do today—unfortunately, there is no tomorrow. Besides, we are sure to get a thrill out of doing our work today rather than put it off. Therefore, let us, as Clara Smith has suggested; "do our best when called upon to write or work for the Dental Journal"—every department needs your help. If you are useful to someone else, you are useful to yourself, never forget that. It is amazing how much you can learn merely by filling up the odd moments of a day by reading the literature in the office. Each day brings to the worker who loves his work, a refreshment of mind and spirit about which he who merely works to get through knows nothing.

Our destiny here on earth is of far greater significance to other people than ourselves. Unselfishness is the first step toward personal happiness. Our Doctor's welfare and interest, along with our loyalty to him, should be our first consideration. If you are not interested in your work as a dental assistant, it will be wise for you to look elsewhere for employment, as you know dentistry must be well done, and to do so you must be on your toes, alert and wide awake at all times. Elbert Hubbard once wrote "Blessed is the man who has found his work". All that contributes to human happiness is permanent. A kind word once it is uttered never leaves the world. It is one of the inheritances of the ages—therefore, in dealing with the public as a dental assistant, let us always keep in mind that our judgments should be formed by what we know, and not what we imagine. May I add, we should keep these thoughts in mind when dealing with one another in our local, state and national society. If everyone would take a small active part in her local society and do it well, and help the ones who have less time to give, we would be greater in number and it would not be so difficult to add many new names to our roster. So, let us put our shoulders to the wheel and all work together for a banner year in our membership drive. Also remember the A.D.A.A. Journal is "*your*" Journal.

LENA DEVRON,
4th District Trustee

"Whatever the problem—scientific, educational, economic, social—a correct solution depends upon the observance of fundamental principles."

(Journal, Missouri State Dental Assn.)
February, 1940

The Dental Assistant

A Journal for Dental Assistants Devoted to Their Interests and Education

Monthly publication of the A.D.A.A. Journal for Dental Assistants Devoted to their Education and Interests and to the Efficient Conduct of Dental Offices. Publication of all statements, opinions, or data, is not to be considered as an endorsement of same by magazine or its publishers.

MARCH - APRIL, 1940

EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT

The following is from the "Handclasp" by our beloved friend and Honorary Member, Dr. Charles Nelson Johnson, called to his Eternal Rest, July 17th, 1938. More of his writings will follow.

(Editor)

THE POWER OF NON-RESISTANCE

I am frank to confess that I have a long way to travel yet before I can quite bring myself to subscribe to the doctrine of the Sage of Russia in which he urged that, no matter what an individual does to you in the way of injury, you should make no resistance—at least you should not resist so as to injure the other. If I understand the peasant Count correctly, there should be no such thing as punishment inflicted on an individual in the way of retaliation. Well, in my better moods I can come pretty nearly seeing it this way myself, and, while there are some features of this theory which do not seem to fit into the necessities of every case, yet I most assuredly deplore anything in the nature of vengeance. This doing injury to people to "get even" with them has no place in my philosophy or my sympathy, and I often lament the misery which individuals bring upon themselves and others by such a course. The trite old saying that "two wrongs never made a right" is as true as anything in morals and ethics can be. If you deliberately set at work to do a man an injury because he has done you one, or you fancy he has, you invariably inflict more harm upon yourself than you do upon him. This is as certain as it is that fire burns.

The wonder of it is, to me, that people have not learned this truth long ago, and I am also in ceaseless amazement that many otherwise observant individuals fail to realize the subtle power there is in non-resistance. The mere statement of this principle would seem paradoxical, but a close analysis and an extended observation of human events and of the motives of men, will reveal the real force behind

an attitude of calm self-control and lack of resentment in the face of injury. This does not imply that if a mad man or a mad beast comes at you with intent to do you bodily harm you are to stand with folded arms and not defend yourself. But this self-defense should be limited to your own protection and not carried into counter-injury to the other through resentment.

There are so many of the small affairs of life to which this principle of non-resistance applies that it seems strange that civilized people have not long ago learned the lesson. Take the one example of receiving an abusive letter from one who is stinging under a fancied wrong. The first impulse of human nature is, of course, to answer back in kind, and that is what the writer of the letter fully expects. It completely takes the wind from his sails for you to write a moderate, kindly-tempered and explanatory reply. He may swagger around among his friends and say that he "has brought you to time," but in his inmost heart he knows that he is the defeated party, and so do all his friends know it. And ever after he will be more afraid to attack you than if you had given him back what he sent. Kindliness and consideration will win every time over harshness and retaliation, and, besides, it is only along these lines that true growth of character can take place, either in the individual or the nation.

A LETTER

DEAR EDITOR:—

Recently, a friend of mine lost a dear one. I felt great sympathy for her, but decided that perhaps silence was better than expressive words. This poem crossed my way and made me realize the value of voicing friendship and understanding. We don't want sentimentalists or hypocrites pushing in, but for honest sympathy and kindly encouragement, the need is everlasting. After "speaking", I not only helped my friend, I helped myself, and I trust the following verses will bring a message to all our readers.

—SARAH H. GALLIEN

WHY DIDN'T YOU SPEAK?

By MATTIE M. BOTELER

"When the pain of bitter bereavement
has filled another with grief,
You wished that a portion of comfort
might bring him needed relief,
But never a word did you utter
to lighten the sky that was bleak.
It was well enough that you pitied
but, brother, why didn't you speak?
You have seen the giddy and thoughtless
ensnared by the things that must blight;
You have feared lest the footsteps unwary
take hold on the portals of night
You counted the risk he was taking

too costly for one that was weak.
You were conscious of all of his danger
But, brother, why didn't you speak?
You have thought of some friend who has
helped you
along your pathway thus far.
You know that because of his kindness,
today you're the man that you are.
The tenderest feelings have stirred you,
and teardrops have moistened your cheek
As you thought of all that you owed him,
but, brother, why didn't you speak?"

"THIS AND THAT"

MARGARET C. SHARP, Peoples Trust Bldg., Jasonville, Ind.
(Please have material reach me not later than April 8th. Thanks)

SEATTLE, WASH. D.A.'s report that their clinics presented at the Mid-winter meeting by Virginia Jensen, Florence Jeffery, Vivian Day and Ruth James were well attended. These girls are getting ready to start on their delegates' fund with a Benefit Dance. . . . SACRAMENTO DIST. D.A.'s started the new year with a lovely candle-light installation service for their new officers. . . . THE SAN JOAQUIN DIST. D.A.A. held a dinner meeting in the Rose Room of the Tracy Inn. Guest speaker was Dr. H. R. Buschke. Stocton will be the scene of the dinner celebrating "Bosses' Night", and the girls have been fortunate in securing a dynamic speaker for the evening, Dr. F. J. Conzelmann of the California State Hospital. . . . THE SAN FRANCISCO DIST. D.A.A. held their candle light installation service with the new Northern California D.A.A. President, Gertrude Burt and Secretary Beatrice Partridge, in charge. Bernice Christensen, retiring President, was given a gold gavel guard for her D.A. pin, a token of good wishes and appreciation from members of her Association. . . . Under the leadership of Frankie Carroll, President, the ALAMEDA COUNTY D.A.A. is planning a busy year with a dinner honoring Dr. W. V. Robinson, ADA President-Elect; Doctor's Night; Rummage Sale; and a Course in Anatomy; also a Progressive Clinic Night. All this will be climaxed by their No. Calif. State D.A.A. Convention in May, when the Alameda girls will be hostesses. Delegates from this society are Marion Hussey and Leone Brennan. The 1939 Cooperation Trophy was awarded Dorothy Lickiss, Ninth Dist. Trustee and member of the Alameda D.A.A., for the splendid work she has done during the year. . . . Ruth Paul reports much activity from the TRI COUNTY D.A.'s of California. During the past year, Viola Krause, Program Chairman, provided many splendid speakers on various subjects, which included "Children's Dentistry"; "Anaesthetics"; "Mechanics of Dentistry" including the care and use of the hand-piece; "Proper Rubber Dam Technique"; "X-rays"; "Collections"; "Helpful Hints"; and clinics by members. Delia Wollard, Past-President was presented with an A.D.A.A. pin and gavel guard in token of her services while in office. Mabel Lyon was installing officer at the Jan. meeting, when Aleene Everett took over the gavel. The committees for the ensuing year are: Program, Juanita Fulkerson; Membership, Betty Folger; Ways and Means, Ethyl Smith; Visiting and Social Welfare, Inez Horsely; Education, Geraldine Riggs; Arrangements, Ina Cox, Helen Hurley and Ruth Pittam; Editor, Ruth Paul. These girls have a clever way of adding to their treasury, preceding each dinner, the members purchase numbers and the one receiving the prize, furnishes the gift for the following month. A Barn Dance is being scheduled for an early date. . . . Florence Myers is the new President of the LOS ANGELES D.A.A. Members of this society enjoyed a "Down on the Farm" dance with "turkey in the straw", and hay in their hair. A Theatre Party added to the Seeing Eye Dog Fund, and the affair was made doubly interesting by the appearance of their own Ethel King in the cast. . . . THE FIFTH DIST. D.A.A. OF SANTA MONICA, CALIF. has planned to have a group study club meeting once a month. Verill Parsons, Chairman, has also made arrangements for a three-day course in Radiodontia. Other topics to be studied throughout the year, are "Analgesia"; "Assistance in Surgery"; "Care of Equipment"; "Application of Rubber Dam"; "Laboratory Technique" and "The Assistant as Hostess".

A delightful social affair was given at ATLANTA, GEORGIA, on Jan. 20th, when Dr. and Mrs. Roy Y. Shaw entertained at the Spanish Room of the Henry

Grady Hotel. Honor guests included Mrs. Juliette A. Southard, Founder of A.D.A.A., Coral Gables, Fla.; Lucile S. Hodge, General Secretary A.D.A.A., Knoxville, Tenn.; Mr. and Mrs. Milton Pryor, Lucile Black, Ross and Mack Adams, of Birmingham. The officers and members of the FIFTH DISTRICT D.A.A. joined in the entertainment of the guests. Alta Harris, Evelyn Smith and Sara Coker were in the receiving line. The Fifth Dist. girls have a Mother and Daughter in their Association, Mrs. Myrtle Ingraham, immediate Past-President and her daughter, Virginia. . . . BIRMINGHAM, ALA. D.A.A. reports the loss of one of their members, Ann Screws, who passed away January 27th. Ann was a popular member of the State D.A. Society and of the Bham Study Club. Delegate funds are being accumulated by the Study Club, and a dance is scheduled for this month. . . . CHATTANOOGA, TENN. D.A.'s report a new high profit on the sale of Christmas cards, clearing \$55.75. Also \$11.60 was realized on the sale of a five-pound fruit cake. Dorothy Usmiller and her Mother, Mrs. J. M. Usmiller entertained with a delightful party during the holidays. . . . THE TOPEKA, KAN. D.A.'s held their first 1940 meeting with a dinner in the Orchid Room of the Hotel Kansan, with Ethel Spangler, Hostess. Guests at the meeting included the following from Kansas City, Mo.: Mae De Moss, Eighth Dist. Trustee, Mary Lou Jackson, Frances Strader, Catherine Rand, Katherine Roth, and Zerelida Tritt. Subscriptions on a \$5.00 bill will be applied on the Bi-State meeting this spring. A new booklet published by the members of the society has aroused much interest and enthusiasm. . . . The biggest news for the KANSAS CITY, MO. D.A.'s since "Gone with the Wind" arrived, is the announcement that Ethel Whitemont, A.D.A.A. President, will be on hand for their Kansas-Missouri Bi-State D.A.A. meeting. Nelle Mitchell, A.D.A.A. Third Vice-President, and Mae De Moss, District Trustee, will represent the National very nicely. The Society enjoyed the recent visit of Dr. Walter Dengel, when he showed his colored film "Ramblings of 1939". . . .

NORTHWESTERN DIST. D.A.A. of Iowa continued their usual philanthropic efforts, recently making up a box of food and clothing for a needy family. A number of the D.A.'s have joined the Sioux City Credit Women's Breakfast Club, and find their meetings interesting and educational. Mae Covell and Jennie Carlson are new members of this Society. Louise Lynum has returned to Sioux City, after spending several days out in the State working on the State Association business. She visited Cedar Rapids, Davenport, Clinton, Dubuque and Waterloo. . . . **THE ST. PAUL DIST. D.A.A. AND D.H.A.** were hostesses for the State Meeting. A banquet and dance at the Hotel St. Paul Grand Ballroom was a fitting climax to the successful meeting. Some member of the dental profession, the Ladies Auxiliary or the Hygienists Ass'n, is invited as a guest to each meeting of this group, thus bringing about a closer and more friendly feeling between these organizations. Mrs. H. Harris, President of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the St. Paul Dental Association, and incidentally, wife of their President, was a recent guest-speaker of the assistants. . . . **MINNESOTA D.H. & A.A.** is holding its convention this month. There are seven clinicians from Minneapolis demonstrating some very interesting topics. . . . Despite the sub-zero weather one hundred and fifty members and guests were in attendance at the 17th Annual Birthday Party of the **CHICAGO, ILLINOIS D.A.A.** in January. Mr. James Robinson was guest speaker and delivered an inspiring talk on "The Future of Dentistry." The celebration ended in a lighter vein with a performance given by a magician, who proved conclusively that the "hand is quicker than the eye." The four-day session at the Stevens during the annual Mid-winter Dental Meeting, was a delightful affair. A tea was given for the assistants, hygienists, and members of the dental profession; luncheon in the Continental Room for members and guests; an open meeting with Dr. R. M. Klemme, of St. Louis, as the guest speaker, discussing "The Romance of

Dentistry and Science of Service." The class and clinic program includes "Theory of Inlay Procedure" conducted by Mr. Francis Moyer in the Study Club of the Chicago Dental Society. . . . "The Vitamin House" which was presented by Eleanor Schumann at the Milwaukee Convention, was also exhibited at the Chicago Meeting.

Violet Goodner was hostess to the members of the FORT WAYNE, INDIANA D.A.A. when their newly elected officers were installed. . . . GARY, INDIANA D.A.A. held their installation banquet in the Sedan Tearoom. Katherine Carr of Chicago appeared as guest speaker, choosing as her topic "The Decorum of the Dental Assistant." This was also the second birthday of the society. These girls held a delightful celebration honoring our Founder, Juliette A. Southard and contributed a neat sum to that committee. . . . DETROIT, MICHIGAN D.A.A. reports: PAST—outstanding events including the Tenth Dist. meeting and clinics; the Detroit D.A. Dance and Christmas Party. The secret pal idea introduced to them by Evelyn Kemp proved heaps of fun. PRESENT—new officers installed; annual sleigh ride with Eleanor Marcou and Thelma Briney in charge; an invitation from the Windsor, Canada D.A.A. to attend another of their lovely parties, this time a Valentine Bridge. FUTURE—Janet Becker, Clinic Chairman, hard at work on the State Meeting; a membership tea for new members. . . . A beautiful and impressive installation service was held by members of the CINCINNATI, OHIO D.A.A. with Mary Connolly acting as installing officer. Mary, by the way, is recuperating from an operation and is doing nicely. The Society is making ready for their annual group clinics, held with the Group Clinics of the Cincinnati Dental Society in March.

RICHMOND, VA. D.A.A. held a lovely party in the Monroe Room of the John Marshall Hotel. Mrs. Ruby Chapman's pupils entertained with songs and dances and Mary Ewers arranged games. Frances Bass also played an active part in making it a delightful affair. . . . THE PHILADELPHIA ASS'N. OF DENTAL NURSES had a busy time after the holidays with their "Doctor's Night"; then their clinics at the Five-State Meeting held at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel; and immediately after that the Card Party and Fashion Show. . . . LEHIGH VALLEY D.A.A. of Pa. is enthusiastically planning their celebration of "Bosses' Night." Florence Seifert, President of this group, has the whole-hearted cooperation and interest of her members in her part on the J. A. Southard Birthday Party Committee. . . . Sara Metzger of the PITTSBURGH, PA. D.A.A. received the Trophy Cup for 1939 for presenting the best clinic, in the opinion of the judges, at the recent Odontological Convention. The girls regret the retirement of an active member, Mrs. Peggy Knight. A class is being planned on "Medical Emergencies," which constitutes a 12-week course. For the first time in this society, newly elected officers were installed with an impressive candlelight service. . . . THE RHODE ISLAND D.A.A. held their second annual meeting at the Biltmore Hotel, Providence, at the time of the State Dental Convention. The Clinic Program included "Sterilization" by Antoinette Chenette; "X-ray Technic for the Assistant" by Theresa Allaire and Claire Lu Poli; "Laboratory Efficiency" by Grace White; "The Children's Corner" by Olinda Di Maio and Mae Garreves; "Hobby"—Margaret Allard; "Dental Assistants' Library" by Ann Ford; Ruth Patske and Alice Killion of the Mass. D.A.A. presented "Aids for the Dental Assistant." Honors went to Mrs. Grace White. Beulah Nowell, First Dist. Trustee, installed the new officers in an impressive service. Ann Ford, retiring President, was given a gift of appreciation. At the dinner, Antoinette Chenette presided as toastmaster, Guest Speakers included Dr. Edward Morin; Dr. B. Lucien Brun, Second Vice-Pres., ADA; Dr. Phillip Adams; Dr. N. H. Fortier. Several members of the Rhode Island and Boston, Mass. Dental Societies also attended. . . . THE METROPOLITAN DIST. D.A.A. of Massachusetts held an interesting educational February meeting, and a Valentine Party followed. At the March meeting, officers of the Mass. State Dental

Association will be entertained at which time Dr. Wm. Canavan of the Mass. Board of Dental Examiners will be the guest speaker. Dr. Wm. H. Griffin, President of the State Dental Ass'n. will be honor guest. . . . THE BERGEN COUNTY D.A.'s of N. J. attended the Bergen-Passaic Dental Health Conference, held at the Alexander Hamilton Hotel in Paterson, given under the supervision of the State Dept. of Health. This was followed by a dinner and later an open forum for everyone proved extremely interesting. Robina McMurdo was a guest at the February meeting and Dr. C. J. Gallagher of Hackensack was guest speaker. . . . The MIAMI DIST. D.N.A. (Fla.) gave a Valentine surprise dinner on February 12th, honoring Marie Sillay Shaw, immediate Past-President of the A.D.A.A., who was the house guest of Juliette A. Southard in Coral Gables, Mrs. Jessie Ellsworth Stokes, the first 1st Vice-President of the A.D.A.A. in 1925 was also a guest, as was the Founder, Juliette A. Southard. Grace Robinson, President was toastmaster, and Virginia Schenck, President of the Florida State D.A.A., gave an original poem dedicated to the honored guest and others. On February 16th, Virginia Schenck complimented Marie Sillay Shaw with a Valentine Party at her home. Dorothy Floyd who has been confined to her home by illness, is up and around again—good work Dorothy, keep it up.

PURELY PERSONAL

Dorothy Poorman of Chattanooga, Tenn. is now Mrs. Robert Bryan; Edna Mae Kelly has recently become Mrs. Frank Loggins. . . . Isabell Kingston of the Northwestern Dist. of Iowa is recovering from an appendectomy, also Marta Zetzsche, membership chairman of the Alameda County Society in California. Remember petite little Sophye Mendelson, co-chairman of the Milwaukee Convention, who made our visit such a pleasant one? Announcement of her engagement to Marvin Gold of Los Angeles was made in the form of a poem given as a toast by Ida Goeldman at their Milwaukee D.A.A. party. . . . Mildred Crouse of Gary, Ind. is now Mrs. George Nebe and Lillian Hallander of the same society recently became the bride of Dr. Kenneth W. Siegesmund. . . . Miss Gesalda Henault of the Rhode Island D.A.A. has withdrawn from our midst to enter the convent. Her fellow members presented her with a purse as a gift of remembrance. . . . Mary Katherine Higgins, member of the Kansas City D.A.A. was recently elected "Most Popular Girl" of the Alpha Epsilon Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi. . . . Katherine Flynn of the Pittsburgh D.A.A. will say "I do" when she becomes the bride of Dr. Thomas McBride, soon. Best wishes.

...NOTICE...

Last issue we requested that information of meetings, programs, speakers, etc., be sent to Eleanor Marcou for the "Calendar of Meetings," but some societies are still sending these to me. PLEASE comply with this request or you may not find the material published that you sent in. We have no space in the Journal for repetitions or duplications. Data sent Eleanor MUST be for the months of issue and not past events. THANKS.

MARGARET C. SHARP

"The bread that bringeth strength I want to give,
The waters pure that bids the thirsty live;
I want to help the fainting day by day,
I'm sure I shall not pass again this way.
I want to give good measure running o'er,
And into angry hearts I want to pour
The answer soft that turneth wrath away,

I'm sure I shall not pass again this way.
I want to give to others hope and faith,
I want to do all that the Master saith,
I want to live aright from day to day,
I'm sure I shall not pass again this way;
I want to live aright from day to day,
I'm sure I shall not pass again this way."



QUESTION BOX



By CLARA E. SMITH, 1101 Medical Arts Bldg., Nashville, Tenn.

We are indebted to Helen Dixon, Knoxville, Tennessee and Grace Robinson, Miami, Florida for their contributions.

Did you know that —

It is nice to have a covered dish from the ten cent store containing hydrochloric acid in which to keep saliva ejectors over night. Next morning rinse them under running water to remove every trace of sediment.

A paper placed under the cement or porcelain slab will hold it firmly when it is in use, and will protect the cabinet top from scars.

The doctor's initials may be cut on his impression trays with a 1/2 round burr for easy identification.

A napkin given to the patient to enclose bridge work and plates on removal will please him.

Swab sticks that are notched before the cotton is wound on, placed in water and dried will not allow cotton to fray when in use.

A wedge for an amalgam matrix made from a toothpick, swab stick or ora Stim-U-Dent and dipped in melted baseplate wax, is easy to put in place.

Partial denture models filed in boxes, labeled for identification are useful when dentures need to be repaired.

Porcelain jacket models and dies, filed in boxes labeled for identification, are useful when the jackets are broken.

A list of shades and moulds entered in a book kept in the cabinet, facilitates re-ordering with accuracy. Shades of porcelain jacket crowns may also be listed here.

A list of cavities entered in a book kept in the cabinet for the doctor's reference, is a convenience.

Repaired electric wires are safer and look better than worn ones. Use rubber covered wires—they are safer and look better.

A medicine bottle that will not overturn is most practical.

Labels may be kept clean by painting them with natural colored nail polish.

H. D.

...HELPS...

After extractions, your cuspidor may have a very unpleasant odor from the pipes. This is more noticeable to the patient. After scrubbing with strong soap, try rubbing hand lotion around the edges of the bowl.

The saliva ejector holder on the new units have a little screen that can be removed and cleaned with a hand brush. This should be done daily. Remove the rubber cap and you will find this very small screen.

At the close of the day, be sure to have the water valve shut off, to prevent too much water pressure on the tube. Should this tube burst during the night it may cause considerable damage to your office. This valve may be found just below the cuspidor at the end of the supporting arm.

G. R.

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

By ELEANOR MARCOU, 2941 West Six Mile Road, Detroit, Michigan
(Kindly have all notices in my hands for the May-June, 1940, issue by April 8th.
NO LATER. Thanks)

ALABAMA

Alabama D.A.A.

Meeting, March 6, 1940, 5:45 P. M. Place, Britling's English Room. *Speaker*, Dr. Boyd Tarpley. *Subject*, "Models".

Meeting, March 20, 1940, 5:45 P. M. Place, Britling's English Room. *Program*, Professor Quiz Contest.

Meeting, April 3, 1940, 5:45 P. M. Britling's English Room. *Speaker*, Dr. L. G. McGinnis.

—Lucile Black, 914 Watts Bldg., Bham, Ala.

CALIFORNIA

Alameda Cty. D.A.A.

Meeting, March 5, 1940, 8 P. M. Dinner, 6:30 P. M. Place, City Club Hotel. *Guest of Honor*, Dr. W. V. Robinson, Pres.-Elect, A.D.A. *Other Guests*, Dr. Charles Sweet, Dr. O. S. Dean, Dr. A. A. Priest, Pres. Berkeley Dental Soc.; Dr. Ernest Setzer, Pres. Ala. Co. Dental Society, Dr. Robert Thayer, Pres.-Elect California D.A.

Meeting, April 1, 1940, 8 P. M. Dinner, 6:30 P. M. Place, Hotel Coit. *Speaker* to be announced.

—Leonne Brennan, 726 Wakefield Bldg., Oakland, Cal.

Los Angeles D.A.A.

Meeting, March 8, 1940, 6:30 P. M. Place, Brack Shops, 527 W. 7th St. *Program*, Round Table, and clinics on Child Psychology & Handpieces.

—Ione Crowder, 617 S. Olive St.

Sacramento Dist. D.A.A.

Meeting, March 12, 1940. Place and Program to be announced.

Meeting, April 9, 1940. Place and Program to be announced.

—Dorothy Smart, Box 70, Roseville, Cal.

San Diego City D.A.A.

Meeting, March 25, 1940. *Dinner*, Park Manor Hotel, 6:30 P. M. *Speaker*, Dr. Frank Casto, Hon. member A.D.A.A.; *Clinics* to be announced.

Meeting, April 22, 1940. *Dinner*, Park Manor Hotel, 6:30 P. M. *Speaker*, Dr. Alfred E. Banks. *Nomination* of officers.

—Virginia McAlexander, 1006 Bank of America Bldg.

San Francisco D.A.A.

Meeting, March 12, 1940, 6:30 P. M. Place, Women's City Club. *Program*, Clinic Night.

Meeting, April 9, 1940, 6:30 P. M. Place, Women's City Club. *Speaker*, Dr.

John Marshall; *Subject* to be announced.

—Alice Eckert, 2595 Mission St.

No. Calif. State D.A.A.

Meeting, May 13-15, 1940. Place, City Club Hotel, Oakland. *Guest speakers*, Dr. W. H. Robinson, Pres.-Elect, A.D.A., Dr. R. F. Thayer, Pres.-Elect, Calif. State D.A., and others. A program of lectures, papers, clinics, etc., have been arranged by Adeline Warner, Chm., of Sacramento. There will also be several business sessions, and some recreation.

—Ruth, Inskipp, Publ. Cham., 135 Stockton St., S. F., Calif.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

D. of C. D.A.A.

Study Club, March 4, 8 P. M. Place, Professional Arts Bldg., 1722 Eye St., N.W. *Program*, Discussion of Clinics for Five State Dental Convention.

Meeting, March 21, 8 P. M. Place, Professional Arts Bldg. *Speaker* to be announced. *Subject*, "Psychology in the Dental Office."

Study Club, April 1, 8 P. M. Place, Professional Arts Bldg. *Program*, Child Psychology.

Meeting, April 18, 8 P. M. Place, Professional Arts Bldg. *Speaker*, Dr. J. Barnhardt, *Subject*, "Anaesthesia and Analgesia." —Margaret Neale, 1726 Eye St., N.W., Washington, D. C.

FLORIDA

Miami Dist. D.N.A.

Meeting, March 4, 1940, 8 P. M. Place, 813 Olympia Bldg. *Program*, Mr. Jefferson of the Am. Red Cross. *Topic*, "First Aid"; *Clinic*, "Helpful Hints", Louise Grady.

Meeting, April 1, 1940, 8 P. M. Place, 813 Olympia Bldg. *Program*, a paper by Maxine Bethune. *Topic*, Selected. Also Round Table Discussion on "Dental Office Procedures."

—Evelyn MacVay, Publ. Chm., 713 S. W. 62nd St.

GEORGIA

Fifth Dist. D.A.A.

Meeting, March 12, 1940. Place, Club Room, 304 Candler Bldg. *Program*, To be announced.

Meeting, April 9, 1940. Place, Club Room, 304 Candler Bldg. *Class*, "Flower Arrangement". *Speaker*, Mrs. C. H. Hutchinson.

—Hayden Puckett, 713 1st Natl. Bk. Bldg., Atlanta, Ga.

ILLINOIS**Chicago D.A. Assn.**

Meeting, March 21, 1940. *Speakers*, Drs. Elsie Gerlach & Beulah Nelson. *Place*, Stevens Hotel.

Meeting, April 18, 1940. *Speaker*, Dr. Harold Hillenbrand. *Place*, Stevens Hotel.

Classes, March 11, 15 and 18. Theory of Inlay Procedure, conducted by Mr. Francis Moyer, at Study Club of Chicago Dental Society.

—Grace A. Olsen, 2155 N. Tripp Ave.

IOWA**Northwestern Dist. D.A.A.**

Meeting, March 18, 1940. *Time and Place*, see bulletin at Club Rooms, 421 Frances Bldg., Sioux City. *Speaker*, Dr. Everton Jones. *Subject*, "The Value of Graphs and Charts in Dentistry."

Meeting, April 15, 1940. *Time and Place*, see bulletin, Club Room. *Speaker*, Dr. Cecil Bliss. *Subject*, "The Dental Assistant as an Aid in Building a Practice."

—Mary O'Donnel, 404 Davidson Bldg., Sioux City

MASSACHUSETTS**Beverly D.A.A.**

Meeting, March 11, 1940. *Speaker*, Mrs. T. Grafton Abbott, Mass. Dept. of Public Health. *Subject*, "Child Psychology". *Place*, Roseway, 16 Summer St., Salem.

Meeting, April 8, 1940. *Program*, By Clinic Committee. *Place*, Roseway, 16 Summer St., Salem.
—Harriet E. P. Ericson, 74 Lothrop St., Beverly

Boston D.A.A.

Meeting, March 13, 1940, 6 P. M. Dinner and visit of State officers. *Place*, Forsyth Dental. *Speaker*, William H. Canavan, D.M.D. *Subject*, "State Board of Registration, Dentistry."

Meeting, April 10, 7:15 P. M. *Place*, Forsyth Dental. *Speaker*, Francis P. McCarthy, M.D. *Subject*, "Europe before the Recent War."

—Emily M. Heumann, 1150 Columbus Ave.

MICHIGAN**Detroit D.A.A.**

Meeting, March 5, 1940, 7:15 P. M. *Place*, Book Cadillac Hotel. *Speaker*, Mr. W. B. Gorham. *Subject*, "X-ray Technique."

Meeting, March 19, 1940, 7:15 P. M. *Place*, Book Cadillac Hotel. *Program*, "Travelogue."

Meeting, April 2, 1940. Membership Tea at the Boy's Club of Detroit.

Meeting, April 17, 1940. All day. State Meeting at Hotel Statler, Special Program.
—Eleanor Marcou, 2941 W. 6 Mile Rd.

MINNESOTA**Minneapolis Dist. D. H. & A. Soc.**

Meeting, March 5, 1940, 7:30 P. M. *Place*, Medical Arts Bldg. *Program*, Business meeting, Committee Reports, Election of Officers.

Meeting, April 2, 1940, 7:30 P. M. *Place*, Medical Arts Bldg.

Meeting, to be planned by new officers.

—Helen Gunderson, 2854 Johnson St., N.E.

St. Paul Dist. D. H. & A. A.

Meeting, March 1, 1940, 7:00 P. M. *Place*, Dental Library, Lowry Medical Arts Bldg. *Speaker*, To be announced. Election of officers, Refreshments.

—Irene Staring Elmgren, 485 Rice St.

MISSOURI**Kansas City D. A. & H. Soc.**

Meeting, March 26, 1940. *Place*, Pickwick Hotel. *Speaker*, Dr. Richard L. Bower. *Subject*, "History of Anesthetic"; *Clinic*, "Economic Purchasing of Dental Supplies."

Meeting, April 23, 1940. *Place*, Pickwick Hotel. *Program*, Election of Officers; *Clinic*, Presentations by Seniors of Kansas City-Western Dental College.

Missouri-Kansas Bi-State Dental Assistants Meeting, Kansas City, Mo., April 28, 29, 30 and May 1.

—Julia R. Hodge, 3 E. 72nd St.

NEBRASKA**Lincoln D.A.A.**

Meeting, March 4, 1940, 7:30 P. M., Y.W.C.A. *Speakers*, Drs. G. Wm. Ferguson, and Donald Keys. *Subject*, "Amalgams, Silicates and Cements." "Some Essential Details in Secretarial Duties", by Lucille Rumery.

Meeting, April 1, 1940. *Skit*, "Handling the Patient in the Operating Room." Clinics by members.

Spring Party in April, 1940, date to be announced.

—Billie Doan, Medical Arts Bldg., Omaha.

Omaha D.A.A.

Meeting, March 12, 1940, 7:30 P. M., Paxton Hotel. *Program*, Dr. L. E. Myers, "Talk and films of his trip through the Northwest." Talk on membership by Ruth Morgan, State Membership Chmn.

Party, March 26, 1940. Marissa Lind and Catherine Church, hostesses, at Marissa's home.

Meeting, April 9, 1940, at 7:30 P. M. *Speaker*, Dr. Frederick Beck. *Subject*, "Trip to Italy, Palestine, and Egypt," at his residential office.

Party, April 30, 1940. Time and Place to be announced. Hostesses, Velma Perry and Betty Howell.

—Billie Doan, Medical Arts Bldg.

NEW YORK

1st Dist.

Educational & Efficiency Soc. for D. A.—

Meeting, March 12, 1940, 8:00 P. M. *Place*, S. S. White Salesroom, 500 Fifth Ave., N. Y. C. *Speaker*, Dr. David Cole. *Subject*, "The Psychology of Color."

Clinic Club, March 19, 1940, 8:00 P. M., S. S. White Salesroom. *Speaker*, Blanche Ferrero. *Subject*, "Demonstration on Telephone Courtesy."

Meeting, April 9, 1940. *Place*, S. S. White Salesroom. Nomination of officers.

Clinic Club, April 16, 1940. Program to be announced.

—Blanche Ferrero, 101 W. 87th St., N. Y. C.

D. A. Study Club, Second Dist.

Meeting, March 1, 1940, 8:30 P. M. *Speaker*, Dr. C. Raymond Wells. *Subject*, "Practical Hints."

Study Class, March 15, 1940, 8:00 P. M. *Speaker*, Miss Eva Smick. *Subject*, "Charts and Charting."

Meeting, April 5, 1940, 8:30 P. M. *Subjects*, "Anesthesia and First Aid." *Speakers*, Marie T. Jansen and Katherine McKenna.

Study Class, April 19, 1940, 8:30 P. M. *Speaker*, Martin J. Burke. *Subject*, "Visual Education."

OHIO

Dayton D.A.A.

Meeting, March 18, 1940, 7:30 P. M. *Place*, Biltmore Hotel. *Speakers*, Several Members. Subjects to be announced.

Meeting, April 15, 1940, 7:30 P. M. *Speaker* to be announced.

—Blanche Overpeck, 1201-2 Mutual Home Bldg.

Columbus D.A.A.

Meeting, March 11, 1940. *Speaker*, Mr. George Hooker. *Subject*, "Assistant as Laboratory Assistance."

Meeting, April 8, 1940. *Speaker*, Dr. Robert Luby. *Subject*, "Osteopathy—its Relation to Dentistry." Nomination of officers.

—Mildred Shook, 2149½ N. High St.

Cincinnati D.A.A.

Meeting, March 29, 1940, 7:15 P. M. *Place*, Netherland Plaza Hotel. Program to be announced.

Meeting, April 26, 1940, 7:15 P. M. *Place*, Netherland Plaza Hotel. Program to be announced.

—Mary Romer, 1021 Union Central Bldg.

PENNSYLVANIA

Lehigh Valley D.A.A.

Meeting, March 25, 1940, 8:00 P. M. *Dinner*, 7 P. M. *Place*, Faenza Coffee Shoppe, Allentown. Program, Music Hour.

Meeting, April 29, 1940, 8 P. M. *Dinner*, 7 P. M. Place to be announced. Easton, Pa., Program to be announced.

—Evelyn M. Bailey, 30 N. 8th St., Allentown.

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Meeting, March 5, 1940. Program, Dr. Howard Mathew will continue clinic on Tooth Carving.

Meeting, March 19, 1940, 8 P. M. *Place*, New Century Club. *Speaker*, Dr. A. Purinton. *Subject*, "The Dental Assistant's True Worth."

Meeting, April 4, Place to be announced. *Speaker*, Susan Byrd. *Subject*, "Mealtime Suggestions."

Meeting, April 16, 1940, 8 P. M. *Place*, New Century Club. *Speaker*, Miss Alice Kraft. *Subject*, "Rhythmic Movement for Health and Education." Nomination of officers.

—Mary P. Lavery, 1214 W. Erie Ave.

Pittsburgh D.A.A.

Meeting, March 11, 1940, 7:45 P. M. *Place*, 506 Diamond Bank Bldg. *Speaker*, Florence Glick. *Subject*, "Diet."

Meeting, April 9, 1940, 7:45 P. M. *Place*, 506 Diamond Bank Bldg. *Speaker*, Miss Trakker. *Subject*, "Daily Care of the Skin."

—Evelyn Edstrom, 625 Brushton Ave.

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Dallas City D.A.A.

Meeting, March 20, 1940. Time and Place to be announced.

Meeting, April 17, 1940. Time and Place to be announced.

—Hazel Gattys, 1214 Medical Arts Bldg., Dallas, Texas.

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Meeting, March 6, 1940, 7:30 P. M. *Dinner* 6:30 P. M. *Place*, Gowman Hotel. *Speaker*, Dr. Martin Waldron. *Subject*, "Care of the Eyes," also Becky Johnson on "The Dental Law as Pertaining to Dental Assistants."

Meeting, April 3, 1940, 7:30 P. M. *Dinner* 6:30 P. M. *Place*, Gowman Hotel. *Speaker*, Miss Asberry, of Bon Marché.

—Thora Jordan, 320 Cobb Bldg.

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Milwaukee D.A.A.

Meeting, March 21, 7:45 P. M. *Place*, Schroeder Hotel. Program, Clinics by members on Childrens Dentistry and Laboratory Work. *Clinician*, Mr. Baker, on "Preparation of Plastic Materials."

Meeting, April 18, 1940. Speaker to be announced.

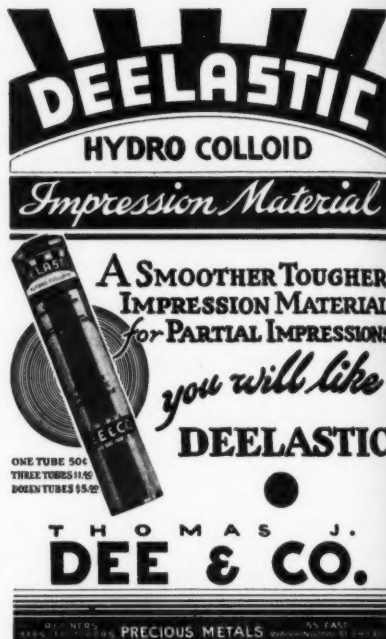
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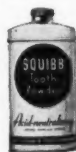
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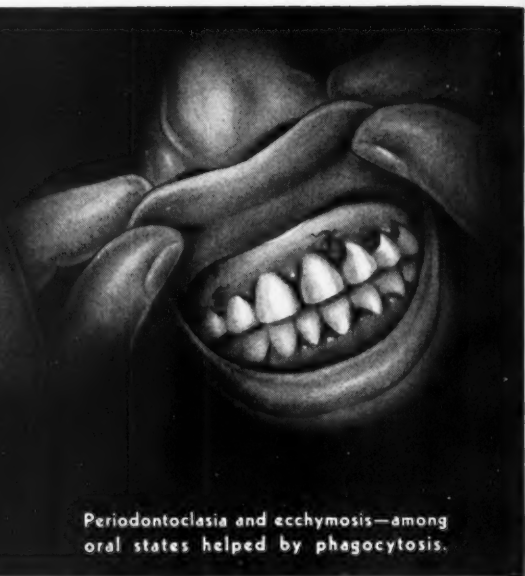
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